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MIAMI, FLA., MAY 24 (AP)—AN INTERNAL POLITICAL EXPLOSION THREATENS TO RIP APART THE ANTI-CASTRO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, THE MIAMI HERALD SAID TODAY.

MANUEL RAY, HEAD OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COUNCIL AND "GO IT ALONE," THE HERALD SAID.

RAY'S DECISION COULD SOUND THE DEATH KNELL FOR THE COUNCIL, THROUGH WHICH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OPERATED IN THE RECENT ILL-FATED CUBAN INVASION LAST MONTH. HIS DECISION WAS NOT UNEXPECTED IN VIEW OF HIS STATEMENTS SINCE THE INVASION.

RAY HAD EXPRESSED DISGUST WITH THE COUNCIL'S SURRENDER OF AUTHORITY TO U.S. OFFICIALS BEFORE THE INVASION AND THE FACT THAT HIS UNDERGROUND WAS NEVER NOTIFIED OF INVASION PLANS OR ITS DATE.

RAY'S WILLINGNESS TO JOIN WITH ANTONIO DE VARONA'S DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY FRONT MADE THE COUNCIL POSSIBLE, AND ROSE MIRO CARDONA BECAME COMPROMISE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

THE HERALD SAID FORMAL NOTICE OF RAY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COUNCIL PROBABLY WILL AWAIT RETURN OF MIRO CARDONA FROM WASHINGTON WHERE HE ACCOMPANIED THE CUBAN 10-MAN PRISONERS-FOR-TRACTORS NEGOTIATING TEAM.

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